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LOK SABHA

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USE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to minimize the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The average consumption of chemical fertilizers and pesticides (technical grade) are 89.8 kg/ha and 0.22 kg/ha respectively. This level of consumption is not considered to have ill-effect on agriculture. However, the Government is advocating `Integrated Nutrient Management` (INM) by promoting soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic manures, bio-fertilizers, etc. and also Integrated Pest Management (IPM) providing mechanical, biological control methods and need based use of pesticides, Government is also advocating organic farming by using organic inputs for plant nutrients.